

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of  
the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Coaches

\*1114. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to step up the present capacity of Hindustan Air Craft Limited for manufacture of coaches; and

(b) whether any survey has been made of the actual shortage of coaching stock on Indian Railways ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan)** : (a) and (b). Yes.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : May I know what would be the increased output when the present capacity is stepped up ?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : It will be 180 coaches per year.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : May I know whether there is any proposal for setting up factories for the manufacture of coaches at places like Barauni or other places ?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : There is a proposal for setting up a coach manufacturing plant for metre gauge coaches round about Bareilly, but that is still under the consideration stage.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : May I know whether any assessment has been made of the requirements of coaches for the Railways in the Second Five Year Plan and, also, if it has been assessed as to what percentage of our demands would be met by internal production ?

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**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : We have made a very careful assessment of our requirements of coaches. We will require 6,156 broad gauge coaches and 4786 metre gauge coaches during the next Five Year Plan. We have made arrangements to see that the requirements are met.

**Shri Shivnanajappa** : May I know whether the Government propose to set up a metre gauge coach building factory at Hubli ?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : There is no such proposal as yet.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami** : May I know the reasons for which the capacity of Hindustan Aircraft Limited is being switched on to the manufacture of railway coaches ?

**Mr. Speaker** : The very question is about stepping up the present capacity for manufacture of coaches.

**Shri M. D. Ramasami** : I wanted to know the reasons for switching over to the production of railway coaches.

**Mr. Speaker** : It is already manufacturing coaches; it is only a question of stepping up the capacity.

**Shri Veeraswamy** : May I know the number of coaches to be produced by the Perambur Integral Coach Factory every year and whether that coach factory will be able to meet the requirements of our Railways ?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : The hon. Member is probably aware that the first coach from Perambur came out only the other day.

**Mr. Speaker** : I will allow the hon. Member, Shri M. D. Ramasami to put his question. He wants to know why the aircraft factory should be used for manufacture of railway coaches.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan** : Because there was spare capacity we wanted to utilise it.

**Shri C. R. Narasimhan** : May I know whether, with the proposals in regard to the Hindustan Aircraft Factory they hope to bring out coaches at a cheaper rate than the Perambur Coach Factory will be able to do ?

**Mr. Speaker :** The hon. Minister may say one way or the other. The hon. Member wants to know whether the coaches manufactured in Hindustan Aircraft Factory will be cheaper than the Perambur coaches. Evidently the quality itself is different.

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan :** The cost of a coach manufactured at the Perambur Coach Factory would be Rs. 1,80,000 plus Rs. 60,000 for the cost of furnishing.

**Shri C. R. Narasimhan :** What about the coaches manufactured in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory ?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan :** Approximately Rs. 1,40,000

**Mr. Speaker :** Including furniture ?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan :** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker :** Now hon. Members may leisurely draw conclusions.

### Pondicherry Port

\*1116. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 150 on the 22nd February, 1956 and state :

(a) the present stage at which the renovation of the port of Pondicherry is; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) Tender for the construction of the pier is about to be awarded.

(b) Within about 18 months.

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** What would be the estimated cost of this work ?

**Shri Alagesan :** A little more than Rs. 29 lakhs.

### गावों में डाकघर

\*१११७. **श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या संचार मंत्री ३ अप्रैल, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ११२६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गावों में डाक की सुविधा बढ़ाने के लिये नये डाकघर खोलने की शर्तों में कमी करने के प्रश्न के बारे में क्या कोई अन्तिम निश्चय कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस निश्चय की एक प्रति सभा-घटल पर रखी जायेगी ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो अन्तिम निर्णय करने में कितना समय लगेगा ; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में निश्चय करने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

(ग) शीघ्र ही ।

(घ) प्रस्तावित शर्तों में ढील देने के बारे में जो आर्थिक स्थितियां उपस्थित हैं उन पर विचार किया जा रहा है ।

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** यह जो नियमों में संशोधन किया जा रहा है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसका लक्ष्य क्या है ? क्या विभाग का यह लक्ष्य है कि इस देश के प्रत्येक गांव में कुछ समय बाद एक डाकघर जरूर हो जाय ?

**श्री जगजीवन राम :** जी नहीं । देश के प्रत्येक गांव में शायद एक डाकघर की आवश्यकता भी नहीं है ।

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** योजना आयोग ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में जो यह सुझाव रखा है कि इस समय जो दो मील तक के गांव एक डाकघर में लिये जाते हैं, उसके बदले चार मील तक के गांव लिये जायें, क्या इस आधार पर यह विचार किया जा रहा है या और भी कोई दृष्टिकोण सामने रखा जा रहा है, जैसे कितना नुकसान होगा ?

**श्री जगजीवन राम :** मुख्य आधार यही है कि यदि चार मील के दायरे के गांवों को मिलाकर दो हजार की आबादी हो जाय तो वहां पोस्ट आफिस खोला जाये, दूसरे तीन मील के अन्दर दूसरा पोस्ट आफिस न हो, और उसमें ७५० रु० से ज्यादा घाटा न हो । इसमें कितना घाटा होगा इस प्रश्न को देखा जा रहा है ।

**Shrimati A. Kale :** May I know how many new post offices are being run at a loss ?